

## **The Breast and Cervical Cancer Prevention and Treatment Act**

The Breast and Cervical Cancer Prevention and Treatment Act of 2000 (P.L. 106-354) created the Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program (BCCEDP). The BCCEDP is administered on the federal level by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. In Virginia, the BCCEDP is sponsored at the state level by the Virginia Department of Health and is also known as Every Woman's Life. The program contracts with screening sites throughout Virginia to provide free mammograms, clinical breast exams, Pap tests and pelvic exams to women who qualify.

Women age 18 through 64 years who have been identified by as being in need of treatment for breast or cervical cancer by a provider participating in the BCCEDP can receive Medicaid to cover their treatment, as well as all other medical services covered by Medicaid.

Women eligible for Medicaid coverage as part of the BCCEDP program must be age 18 through 64 and cannot have creditable health insurance that covers the treatment of breast or cervical cancer. **They must have been screened and certified as needing treatment for breast or cervical cancer (including pre-cancerous conditions) by a medical provider operating under the BCCEDP** and have income within the following limits:

### **BCCPTA Covered Group Income Limits - Effective January 24, 2013 (200% of the Federal Poverty Level)**

Family Unit Size	Annual	Monthly
1	\$22,980	\$1,915
2	31,020	2,585
3	39,060	3,255
4	47,100	3,925
5	55,140	4,595

The woman's resources (money in bank accounts, cars, etc.) are **NOT** counted for the BCCPTA covered group.

The special Medicaid application form used for women who are screened and certified as needing treatment by a BCCEDP provider is only available through the BCCEDP. You will be given the proper Medicaid application and referred to the local department of social services for a Medicaid eligibility determination. More information about the [BCCEDP \(Every Woman's Life\) program](#) and how you can receive a screening is available on the [Virginia Department of Health's web site](#).

Women diagnosed with cancer by a provider who is not operating under the BCCEDP are not eligible in this covered group. However, some women may be eligible for Medicaid in another covered group. You may call your local department of social services if you have questions about whether you could meet another Medicaid covered group.